



DPS Intoxilyzer Services Interlocal Cooperation Contract

City Council “A” Session

Presented by Chief of Police William McManus

May 1, 2025

Purpose

SAPD seeks to enter into a Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC) with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide the SAPD DWI Unit with the following:

1. One DPS Technical Supervisor to provide officer/operator training and administer certifications
2. Expert testimony as requested by the District Attorney
3. Service and monthly maintenance of intoxilyzer machines

Background



- DWI Unit administers breath tests to detect and measure blood alcohol limits
- Used when suspected driver does not refuse
- Breath tests must be administered by trained, certified SAPD DWI Unit officers
- Officers must be authorized and trained to operate DPS approved intoxilyzer
- Breath test results available immediately
- Allows officers and prosecutors to act in a timely way; avoids court back logs

Background

- April 28, 2021 - SAPD and DPS entered into a four (4) year Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC)
- ICC provides a DPS Technical Supervisor for
 - Officer/operator training,
 - Expert testimony, and
 - Service of intoxilyzer machines

Background

- During the 4-year ICC term, DPS:
 - Serviced four (4) intoxilyzer instruments
 - These were used by SAPD for daily testing
 - Certified numerous SAPD sworn operators.
- On April 27, 2025, the four-year ICC between SAPD and DPS expires.

Background

- April 2021, SAPD had five (5) new officers certified by the State to operate the intoxilyzer machines
- Gave SAPD 62 certified personnel
- Increased to 96 officers and 1 civilian
- SAPD has conducted the following intoxilyzer tests over the past four contracted years:

Complete SAPD Subject Tests Conducted					
Year**	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Q1)
# of Tests	2,805	2,855	3,276	3,021	689

** Calendar Year

Expense

- City will pay DPS for one Technical Supervisor certified by the DPS's Scientific Director of the Alcohol Testing Program to:
 - Inspect, certify, calibrate, and maintain evidential breath alcohol testing instruments.
 - Supervise operation of the evidential breath testing instruments and associated equipment in consultation with SAPD.
 - Provide expert testimony concerning the evidential breath testing instruments and associated equipment and testing techniques under supervision of DPS technical supervisors.
 - Provide technical advice to prosecutors and law enforcement agencies.

Expense

- City will pay DPS \$112,041.20 per year
 - Over 4 years, amount paid will be a maximum of \$443,164.81
- Prior agreement totaled approximately \$100,000 per year
 - Maximum of \$400,000.00 over the four-year contract
- The SAPD FY25 budget can cover this expense
- This Contract will commence upon full execution and will terminate April 27, 2029



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